



# WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

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## A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

This past month was bittersweet. Though we had a wealth of rewarding experiences, Wilson County also experienced a great loss. The passing of Mr. Hale Moss, shortly after his induction to the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame, was heart-breaking. As former President of Wilson County Promotions, Hale's name was synonymous with the Wilson County Fair. The contributions he made to the Wilson County Fair placed Wilson County on the map as one of the best county fairs in the nation. He served his com-

munity in many capacities and was always proud to be a part of this county. He left a legacy and though we can never replace him, we can all learn from him and follow in his footsteps. As I reflect on the life of Hale, I can't help but appreciate the wonderful citizens that make up our county. No matter which part of the county we are from, urbanized or rural, we all contribute to make Wilson County what it is today. We also all affect each other more than we may initially realize. Our service and talents may seem unnoticed at

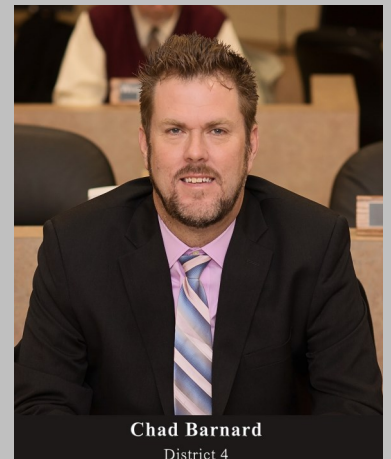
times, but you can bet without them, our wonderful community would not be the same.

The old saying "April showers bring May flowers" seems to hold true this spring. Though we experienced a heavy loss, and dark times in April, we are looking to brighter days ahead in May. At the end of this month, there will be a new class of graduates released into our society. They will move out of their parents homes and infiltrate our universities and the work force.



These graduates hold within them the potential to change not only our community, but our world. I ask that you encourage them, as they navigate through life, to strive to live a life of service. A life dedicated to helping others. A life of service is not one that seeks applause, but one that seeks to leave the a world better place. A life of service *always* leaves a legacy.

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# IMAGINATION DINNER



Wilson Books from Birth, a division of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library held their annual Imagination Dinner on Thursday, April 6, 2017. This year's event was held at the new Wilson County Expo Center. Organi-

zations and businesses throughout Wilson County chose a theme, decorated a table to match with their chosen theme and raised money for Wilson County Books from Birth through a silent and live auction.

The Imagination Dinner also followed a "wacky waiter" theme. Each table chose a waiter for the evening. The waiter then collected money and tips for utensils, sugar, salt and pepper, etc to support Wilson Books from Birth.

Mayor Hutto sponsored a table. The theme was patriotic. The Female Caucus of the Wilson County Commission also sponsored a table and dressed as the male caucus of the commission. A great time was had by all!



## Stay Connected

Stay Connected with Mayor Hutto and the Wilson County Mayor's Office! Follow Mayor Hutto on Twitter and Facebook. Also be sure to check out



Wilson County  
[www.wilsoncountyttn.gov](http://www.wilsoncountyttn.gov)



# WONDER PORCELAIN GROUP MOVES TO WILSON COUNTY

Wonder Porcelain Group recently opened a textile manufacturing facility in Lebanon. Mayor Hutto, along with other government officials and community leaders throughout Tennessee welcomed the facility to Wilson County on April 11, 2017

at a ribbon cutting ceremony. The China based company anticipates to bring over 200 jobs to Wilson County as they open their 500,000 square foot facility. The plant will be a state of the art facility in hopes of expanding the textile in-

dustry in the United States. Over 30% of the world's tile manufacturing is done in the United States. Tennessee tile manufacturers make up 70% of the total tile production in the U.S.. Mayor Hutto noted the

fact that at foreign company would choose to come to Tennessee is a great accomplishment in itself. He is especially honored that the Wonder Group chose Wilson County as home to American Wonder Porcelain.



## *In Remembrance...*

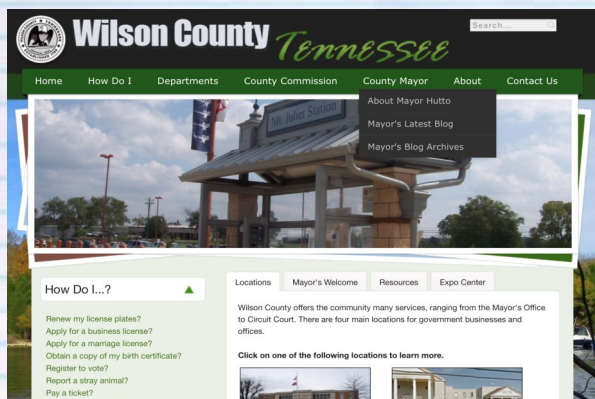


Hale Moss passed away on Monday April 20, 2017. A Wilson County resident, Hale served in a leadership capacity in just about every organization in which he was involved. Hale was the president of the Board of Directors for Wilson County Promotions. He served on the Wilson County Water and Wastewater Authority Board, was a member of the Agricultural Center Management Committee and faithfully attended Wilson County Commission Meetings. He was recently inducted to the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame. Hale held multiple titles on the state and national level and was well respected by his peers. He was a friend to many and will be deeply missed.

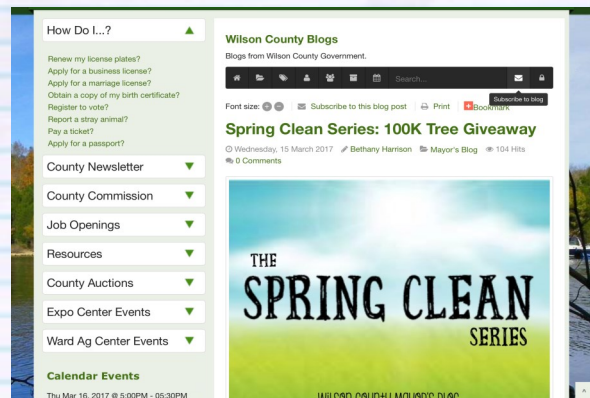
# LOVE THE NEWSLETTER? FOLLOW THE BLOG!

It's easy, free and you will get automatic post notifications in your inbox. No spam, just stories about all of the wonderful things happening in Wilson County! To subscribe, check out the pictures below.

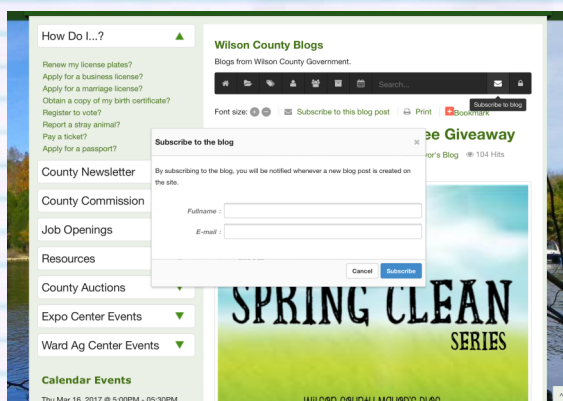
## STEP 1



## STEP 2



## STEP 3



Step 1: Go to [www.wilsoncountyttn.gov](http://www.wilsoncountyttn.gov). Hover your mouse over the "County Mayor" tab. You will see the pictured drop down menu. Click on "Mayor's Latest Blog".

Step 2: You will see Mayor Hutto's latest post. Click the envelope in the upper right-hand corner of the black bar.

Step 3: Enter your information and click submit. You're all set!



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual - Think Green Think Clean – Youth Litter Challenge**  
**Saturday - May 6, 2017 (8am-12noon) – winners to be announced @ 1pm**

TGTC 2017 Youth Litter Challenge is open to students/teachers/families of **Wilson County Schools, City of Mt. Juliet Schools, and Lebanon Special School District**. Sponsored by your local stormwater departments (Wilson County Stormwater, City of Mt. Juliet Stormwater, City of Lebanon Stormwater), this program emphasizes the importance of pollution prevention in our community and raises awareness of environmental protection in our daily lives.

**Win prize \$\$ for your school!      Win a canoe for you!**

Schools with highest number of participants qualify to win prize \$\$ to be used in beautification and/or environmental projects at their school (for example: butterfly gardens, eco-friendly drinking fountains, environmental science material for classrooms, etc).

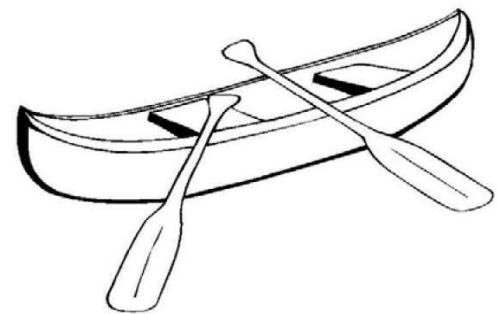
**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$2,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$1,500**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$1,000**

All participants who sign-in the day of the event with the Think Green Think Clean Event Release/Registration Form and pick-up litter will help qualify their school to win!

In addition, those participants who sign-in and pick-up litter will receive one (1) ticket each to be entered in our drawing to win a free CANOE!



# For Teachers – How do I get my school involved?

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**Email** Liana Dranes, City of Lebanon Stormwater, to let her know your school would like to participate in this year's event on Saturday, May 6: [liana.dranes@lebanontn.org](mailto:liana.dranes@lebanontn.org)

- Think Green Think Clean will establish a Registration Representative at each participating school location, so please notify by April 20 of your intent to participate
- Provide [name of school](#), [name of school representative](#) (person from your school who will be present the day of the event and who will serve as contact throughout the planning stages), [school rep's email](#) and [cell phone #](#) (these will be used solely for communications related to the event)

## What to expect the day of the event?

A **Think Green Think Clean** representative will be present at each participating school location from 8am – 12 noon with the following: [TGTC Event Release/Registration Forms](#), [garbage bags for litter clean up](#), [tickets for canoe give-away](#), and [small give-away prizes for student participants](#).

- 8am - Parents/students/teachers begin to arrive at school to sign TGTC Event Release/Registration Forms and to pick-up garbage bags for litter clean up. **\*\*All participants must sign a TGTC Event Release/Registration Form\*\*** These forms will be used to tally the number of participants at each location and will determine qualification for winning prize money.
- Head out to pick up litter! **HAVE FUN! BE SAFE! FEEL GOOD ABOUT HELPING!**
- Return collected garbage bags to your school's sign-in location throughout the morning (all garbage must be returned before 12 noon).
- As volunteers return with collected garbage, direct participants back to Registration area to receive ticket stub for the canoe drawing. Be sure to record ticket # on previously-signed Registration Form so winner can be notified after the drawing.
- (1pm) City of Lebanon Don Fox Park–Pavilion 1 (to the right of the castle) - Winning schools will be announced and drawing will be held for CANOE give-away! Winners do not have to be present to win. **\*\*Please note that contact info provided on TGTC Event Release/Registration Forms will be used to notify canoe winner. Be sure your information is up-to-date and printed neatly!\*\***

## Thank you for your help in keeping our community clean and beautiful!

# Mayor Hutto and Prospect Deliver Meals on Wheels

On April 13th, Mayor Hutto along with individuals from Prospect, Inc. delivered meals to elderly citizens throughout the county that are re-

cipients of the Meals on Wheels program. Meals on Wheels allows hot meals to be delivered to homebound individuals age 60 and older. The ser-

vice also delivers pet food as statistics have found, seniors who own a pet have over 20% less doctors visits than those who don't. Meals-On-

Wheels is a service provided through the Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency.



## Groundbreaking

### Senior Citizens Center Expansion

## *You're invited!*



**Tuesday, May 2nd at 2 p.m.**  
670 Coles Ferry Pike

# Salute to the Veteran's of Wilson Co

## FREE Pancake Breakfast

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**MAY 11, 2017**

Presented by:

**kw** KELLERWILLIAMS.  
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## FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### for all Veteran's of Wilson County

Public is invited to attend & support their Veterans by a donation of a non-perishable food item to be distributed to Veteran's in our community

## COLORS TO BE PRESENTED AT 7:15AM

TN Army National Guard Armory  
1010 Leeville Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090



**Wilson County**



# HR Corner

Human Resources is doing a Monthly Employee Giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152 or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.

**The 2017 April Winners are:**

Kathryn McCleskey-Election Office

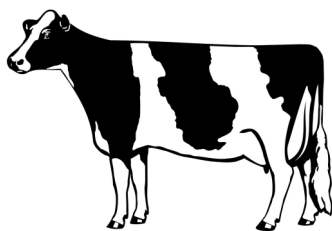
Barbara Lynch-Road Department

Robin Curtis-Sheriff's Department

Stephen Jones-Sheriff's Department

Nathan Waldsmith-WEMA

## Holstein Sale



On Saturday March 18, the Tennessee Holstein Sale took place at the James E. Ward	Agricultural Center. Over 200 people attended the sale and it was broadcasted online	for view as well. There were buyers present from 10 states and consigners present	from 7 states. There were 72 head of cattle sold at the sale.
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LEBANON WILSON COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2017

*four o'clock in the afternoon until  
seven o'clock in the evening*

*Legacy Farms*

8061 Murfreesboro Road  
Lebanon, Tennessee

We will EAT southern fare,  
DRINK frosty mint juleps and MERRILY play games  
while wearing DERBY DAY Hats & Bowties



### TITLE SPONSORS

#### MINT JULEP

Southern Bank of Tennessee

#### TRIPLE CROWN

Direct Flight Solutions, LLC  
Lowery, Lowery & Cherry  
THW Insurance

#### RUN FOR THE ROSES

Pediatric Dentistry of Lebanon

**A FEW THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT DERBY DAY**  
**THE MOST EXCITING 3 MINUTES IN SPORTS AND MORE...**

Signature Drink - Mint Julep - Cash Bar Available

143<sup>rd</sup> Running  
of the  
Kentucky Derby  
Race Time  
5:34 p.m.

Bourbon Meatballs  
Cheese Grit Shots  
Biscuit Bar  
Derby Pie  
and more

Cornhole  
Horseshoes  
Run for The Roses  
and more

**\$75 Per Person**

Includes Souvenir Mint Julep Cup

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[info@lebanonwilsonchamber.com](mailto:info@lebanonwilsonchamber.com)  
615-444-5503



The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce Special Events Division and Cumberland University partner for this community event.

# **Now Accepting Vendor Applications!**

**Saturday, August 5th, 2017**

The first annual Cedar City Food & Artisan Showcase will be held on the Cumberland University campus.

**Lebanon needs your talent. Show it off!**

Contact 615-444-5503 or [tonya@lebanonwilsonchamber.com](mailto:tonya@lebanonwilsonchamber.com) to reserve your space now!

# **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**



**You are invited to observe national day of prayer.**

**When: Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Time: 12:00 p.m.**

**Where: Wilson County Sheriff's Office.**

**We will gather around the Flagpole in front of the building.**

# Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet

The Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet took place on April 4, 2017 at the Wilson County Exposition Center. The annual event honored four individuals that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in Wilson County and beyond. The 2017 inductees included Dr. Sam McFarland, Mr. Hale Moss, Mr. A.C. Wharton Sr., and Mr. David M. Tomlinson.



# Meet The Mayor

The last Wednesday of every month  
at the following locations:

**Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce**

8:30AM to 10AM

**Watertown Mi Ranchito**

11AM to 12:30PM

**Lebanon Chamber of Commerce**

1:30PM to 3PM



## YOU ARE INVITED



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10  
10:30 A.M.  
100 GASTON PARK DRIVE  
LEBANON, TENNESSEE**

**JOIN US IN BREAKING GROUND FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S  
FIRST TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**



# A Great Day for St. Jude

A huge thank you to everyone who rode the Music City Star to the St. Jude Rock 'N' Roll Nashville Marathon and Half and to A Toast of Tennessee Wine Festival! There were over 300 tickets sold which means over \$5000.00 was raised for the kids at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Our office staff, especially Sara Davenport, worked incredibly hard on promoting this service and it definitely paid off! Without the following individuals this service would not have been possible for either event:

- **Nashville MTA/RTA**
- **Music City Star**
- **Hollie Baker with Famous Footwear Distribution Center (Sponsor of the Marathon Train)**
- **Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce (Sponsor of the Wine Festival Train)**
- **The Wilson County Mayor's Office**
- **Nashville Eastern Railroad Authority (donated \$5 for each ticket sold)**



*Photo credits: WSMV.com; (marathon) youtube.com (train) and atoasttennessee.com (wine)*

# WE ARE PARTICIPATING!

Cedarcroft Home, Inc. ([www.cedarcrofthome.org](http://www.cedarcrofthome.org)) is participating in The Big Payback on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee's The Big Payback ([www.TheBigPayback.org](http://www.TheBigPayback.org)) is a 24-hour, online giving event created to increase philanthropy in the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee. The goal is simple – inspire Middle Tennesseans to come together, show their pride in their communities, and contribute to support the life-changing work of local nonprofit organizations.

**We can do what we do because of you.**

**Any assistance is appreciated.**

Follow us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cedarcrofthome.org/>

**Thanks for your support!**



It's 24 hours to payback our nonprofits!

[TheBigPayback.org](http://TheBigPayback.org) #BigPayback

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### ***Get Expo Events in your Inbox!***

*Spring has sprung and the Wilson County Expo is in full bloom with springtime events! Stay up to the date on the latest events by signing up to receive the e-newsletter twice a month from the Expo Center. Subscribe today for monthly event ticket giveaways!*

Sign up here, <https://www.facebook.com/wilsoncountyexpo/app/100265896690345/>

## **Drug Court Graduation**



The Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court Program held a graduation ceremony on April 7, 2017. The ceremony was

The Judge Bond Memorial Achievement Award was presented to Lauren Stone. Lauren is a graduate of the drug court pro-

held at the Wilson County Judicial Center. Judge John Wooten, Jr. recognized guests and lead the graduation ceremony. The 2017 graduates of the program were Blake Brown, Logan Rosson, Nick Vantrease and Robert Wiser.

gram and now maintains a positive lifestyle. She is also passionate about helping others to get their lives back on track. "The Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court Program was established in July 2002 through the efforts of the Drug Court Team including Jude J.O. Bond, Judge John Wooten, Jr., District Attorney General Tommy Thompson, District

Public Defender Comer L. Donnell, and the Drug Court Coordinator Jeff E. Dickson."

